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SUBJECT: MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC MOVES TO TERCEIRA

REF: PONTA DELGADA 0334(DTG 071000Z SEP 77)

1. MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC AND REPRESENTATIVE OF PORTUGUESE SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE AZORES GENERAL GALVAO DE FIGUEREIDO HAS MOVED HIS OFFICE AND RESIDENCE FROM PONTA DELGADA ON SAO MIGUEL ISLAND TO ANGRA DO HEROISMO ON TERCEIRA. IN HIS FIRST OFFICIAL ACT IN ANGRA OCTOBER 1, THE MINISTER SWORE IN AMERICO NATALINO DE VIVEIROS AS THE AZOREAN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT'S NEW SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

2. WHILE THE MINISTER'S GENERAL RELOCATION PLANS AND THEIR MOTIVES WERE WIDELY KNOWN AND COMMENTED UPON (REFTEL), THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ACTUAL TRANSFER WERE STRANGE. THE MINISTER SIMPLY LEFT PONTA DELGADA ON SEPTEMBER 28, OSTENSIBLY ONLY TO ATTEND A LUNCH OF NATO MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES AT LAJES BASE ON TERCEIRA, AND NEVER  
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RETURNED, NOT EVEN TO KEEP PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS. HIS STAFF AND BELONGINGS FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY AND DISCREETLY THEREAFTER. NO OFFICIAL CEREMONY, ANNOUNCEMENT OR EVEN CASUAL COMMENT MARKED HIS DEPARTURE. INDEED, HIS SPACIOUS NEW RESIDENCE AND OFFICE IN ANGRA, WHICH REPORTEDLY SUFFERED SOME STRUCTURAL DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF A TERCEIRAN FLA BOMBING SEPTEMBER 11, WAS NOT THEN FULLY READY FOR OCCUPANCY.

3. THE BEST EXPLANATION FOR THE MINISTER'S SURREPTITIOUS EXIT SEEMS TO BE HIS DETERMINATION TO AVOID GIVING THE SAO MIGUEL SEPARATISTS YET ANOTHER PRETEXT TO HARASS THEIR FAVORITE TARGET. THE MINISTER HAD PROVOKED THE SEPARATISTS' IRE THREE WEEKS AGO BY AN INTERVIEW IN THE PRO-SOCIALIST PARTY LISBON DAILY "LUTA" IN WHICH HE ALLEGED, IN EFFECT, THAT THE SEPARATIST MOVEMENT HAD BEEN REDUCED TO A SMALL BAND OF DESPERATE MEN.  
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